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## Council Report

### April 1, 2011

The Chauncey Cooperative will be conducting a spring clean-up of Tommy Johnston Park on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

"Detrash the Wabash" is also April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9 am to noon; volunteers need to bring gloves, dress for poison ivy, and meet at Riverside Skating Center before 9 am (trash bags are provided). Volunteers receive a T-shirt and lunch.

Upcoming Indiana Native Plant & Wildflower Society's RIP (remove invasive plants) Squad work sessions, to help remove garlic mustard from West Lafayette parks, include:

April 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, Celery Bog Nature Area (meet by the Nature Center);

April 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, Happy Hollow Park (meet near shelter #4); and  
May 4<sup>th</sup>, Michaud-Sinninger Woods (meet in the Cumberland Park parking area off Salisbury Street).

Work sessions are 3-5 pm. Volunteers need to bring gardening gloves and dress for poison ivy (trash bags are provided).

"Wednesdays in the Wild" programs in Lilly Nature Center this month are: April 13<sup>th</sup>, 7-9 pm, "The Chick-a-dee 'Language'," and April 27<sup>th</sup>, 1-3 pm, "Spring Warblers and Other Migrants" (bring binoculars)

The annual Arbor Day event will be April 29<sup>th</sup> in Celery Bog Nature Area. Oaks and hickories will be planted with the assistance of students from the Beacon Academy. The trees are being purchased through an Indiana DNR grant and the West Lafayette Tree Fund. The event is tentatively set for 1 pm.

West Lafayette Tree Fund's tree pruning dates are: April 7<sup>th</sup>, Tapawingo Drive South; April 14<sup>th</sup>, Quincey Street; April 21<sup>st</sup>, Salisbury Street; and April 28<sup>th</sup>, Lindberg Road. The Tree Fund committee helped package 1300 dogwood trees to give to 4th grade students during "Ag Days."

The next Park Board meeting will be April 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm in City Hall.

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